क्षेत्रों में पूंजी निवेश, इसमें विदेशी पूंजी निवेश शामिल है, को बढ़ावा दे रही है। उदारीकरण के बाद की अवधि के दौरान खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग के विभिन्न क्षेत्रों में 2528 करोड़ रु० के विदेशी निवेश वाले 195 प्रस्तावों को मंजूरी दी गई है।

(घ) 529 करोड़ रु० के विदेशी निवेश वाले 44 प्रस्तावों को मंजूरी दी जा चुकी है। आमतौर पर परियोजना को लागू करने में लगभग 2–3 साल लग जाते हैं।

रेलवे जोनों का बनाया जाना

137. **श्री आरु मोहम्मद :**

श्री कनकसिंह मोहनसिंह मंगरोला :

क्या **रेल** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान कितने नये रेलवे जोन बनाये गये हैं;

(ख) इन नये जोनों को बनाये जाने के लिये कौन-सा मापदंड अपनाया गया ;

(ग) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान सर्वाधिक लाभ अर्जित करने वाला जोन कौन-सा है ; और

(घ) दूसरे जोनों की तुलना में सर्वाधिक कार्यभार तथा सर्वाधिक संचालन गतिविधियों वाला रेलवे जोन कौन-सा है ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री सी० के० जाफर शरीफ): (क) और (ख) पिछले तीन वर्षों में किसी नये जोन का सृजन नहीं किया गया है।

(ग) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान दक्षिण-पूर्व रेलवे ने अधिकतम लाभ दर्शाया है।

(घ) कार्यभार सूचकांक के आधार पर मध्य, उत्तर, दक्षिण-पूर्व और पश्चिम रेलों पर काम का अधिकतम दबाव है।

Capacity for LPG distributor agencies

*138. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any prescribed capacity for LPG distributor agencies in terms of single cylinder unit; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) The existing ceiling on the refill sales by the distributors in different towns/cities is as under:—

Towns/Cities with population	No. of refills per mensem
(a) Upto 10 lakhs	4,000
(b) Over 10 lakhs to 20 lakhs	5,000
(c) Over 20 lakhs to 40 lakhs	6,000
(d) Delhi, Madras and Calcutta	6,500
(e) Bombay	8,000

Cooperative societies are exempted from the above ceilings.

Security arrangements in North-Eastern Region

*139. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to tighten the security arrangements in North-Eastern Region to bring under control the mounting insurgency in that region; and

(b) if so, whether any decision has been taken in the matter keeping in view the ever deteriorating situation in the North-Eastern Region ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The situation in the North-Eastern Region is kept under constant watch and is reviewed from time to time. A series of measures have been taken under the policy of the Governm nt to deal firmly with those indulging in secessionist and terrorist activities while simultaneously continuing efforts to encourage them to join the mainstream of national life provided they abjure violence and agree to work within the Constitution of India. Besides review of the situation from time to time at various levels, a series of measures have been taken which, inter-alia, include the declaration of the most seriously affected areas as "disturbed areas", notification of certain militant groups as "unlawful associations", deployment of additional units of the Army and the Central Para Military Forces, financial assistance to the North Eastern States for modernisation and upgradation of State Police Forces, raising of India Reserve Battalions and better sharing of information and coordination of counter-insurgency operations. Simultaneously, steps continue to be taken for economic development, particularly with a view to improving the basic infrastructure in the region.

National debate on TADA

*140. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) by when legislative changes are to be brought about, amending TADA;

(b) whether Government intend to promote a national debate on this issue; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN); (a) to (c) All aspects of the matter including the issues arising out of the Supreme Court judgement on TADA, are under examination of the Government.

Telephone connections in Shahadara Exchange from MPs quota

1223. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number and the details of telephone connections allotted in Shahadara telephone exchange from 1st January, 1994, till date, from the MPs out-of-turn priority quota;

(b) whether it is a fact that some of the connections which were already sanctioned to the respective C.G.Ms. have not been installed so far;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the measures taken or proposed to be taken to install the telephone connections sanctioned under the MP's quota?